

That which is claimed:

1. A method comprising:  
  
receiving an input signal associated with a user context attribute; and  
  
generating a plurality of implicit search queries, each of the plurality of implicit search queries based at least in part on the user context attribute.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal is a first input signal, and the user context attribute is a first user context attribute, and further comprising:  
  
receiving a second input signal associated with a second user context attribute;  
  
and  
  
wherein one of the plurality of implicit search queries is based at least in part on the first user context attribute and one of the plurality of implicit search queries is based at least in part on the second user context attribute.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a current word.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises the last n words received.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a current sentence.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises text nearby the current cursor position.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a current paragraph.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises information stored in a buffer.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises currently selected text.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises currently highlighted text.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises text currently in the clipboard.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a term frequency.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises an inverted document frequency.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises an identified term.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein the identified term comprises a previously copied term.
16. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a prior search term.
17. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises a user identifier.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein the user context attribute comprises an interest signal.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the interest signal comprises a click in a content display window.
20. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a first result set associated with a first of the plurality of implicit search queries;

receiving a second result set associated with a second of the plurality of implicit search queries; and

combining the first result set and the second result set.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein combining the first result set and the second result set comprises merging the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set.

22. The method of claim 20, further comprising ranking the combined result set.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein ranking the combined result set comprises ranking the combined result set based at least in part on a click-through value.

24. The method of claim 20, further comprising ranking an article identifier based at least in part on the user context attribute.

25. The method of claim 20, wherein combining the first result set with the second result set comprises displaying the first result set with the second result set.

26. The method of claim 20, wherein an article identifier associated with a currently displayed article are removed from the combined result set.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein receiving the first result set comprises receiving the first result set from a local index.

28. The method of claim 20, wherein receiving the first result set comprises receiving the first result set from a global index.

29. The method of claim 1, wherein an event comprises the user context attribute.

30. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

program code for receiving an input signal associated with a user context attribute; and

program code for generating a plurality of implicit search queries, each of the plurality of implicit search queries based at least in part on the user context attribute.

31. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the input signal is a first input signal, and the user context attribute is a first user context attribute, and further comprising:

program code for receiving a second input signal associated with a second user context attribute; and

wherein one of the plurality of implicit search queries is based at least in part on the first user context attribute and one of the plurality of implicit search queries is based at least in part on the second user context attribute.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, further comprising:  
program code for receiving a first result set associated with a first of the plurality of implicit search queries;  
program code for receiving a second result set associated with a second of the plurality of implicit search queries; and  
program code for combining the first result set and the second result set.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein program code for combining the first result set and the second result set comprises program code for merging the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, further comprising program code for ranking the combined result set.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein program code for ranking the combined result set comprises program code for ranking the combined result set based at least in part on a click-through value.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, further comprising program code for ranking an article identifier based at least in part on the user context attribute.

37. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein program code for combining the first result set with the second result set comprises program code for displaying the first result set with the second result set.

38. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein program code for receiving the first result set comprises program code for receiving the first result set from a local index.

39. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein program code for receiving the first result set comprises program code for receiving the first result set from a global index.